

## Comparison of Grant Programs for Veterans

	<i>Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG)</i>	<i>Post-9/11 GI Bill</i>
<b>Effective Date</b>	Current	August 1, 2009*
<b>Eligibility</b>	Illinois veterans (including members of the Illinois National Guard and members of a Reserve component of the Armed Forces) with at least one year of federal active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces, or those who served federal active duty for less than one year and served in a foreign country at the time of hostilities in that country, or were discharged for a medical reason directly connected with military service, or were discharged prior to August 11, 1967. Must be an Illinois resident when entering and separating service, and reside in Illinois while using IVG benefits.	Service members with at least 90 days (aggregate) active duty service on or after September 11, 2001 (service members discharged with a service-related disability need only have served at least 30 days of continuous active duty)
<b>Eligible Colleges</b>	Illinois public institutions	Public or private colleges and universities, and vocational and technical schools approved for Montgomery GI Bill program
<b>Enrollment Requirements</b>	No minimum enrollment requirements as an undergraduate or graduate student	No minimum enrollment requirements
<b>Award Amount</b>	Cost of tuition and mandatory fees	Cost of tuition and fees not to exceed cost of most expensive Illinois public institution, monthly housing allowance, and a stipend up to \$1,000 per year to cover books, supplies, equipment and other educational costs. All benefits are paid on a sliding scale based on length of service.
<b>Duration of Benefits</b>	Equivalent of 4 academic years of full-time enrollment	Up to 36 months within 15 years of the last period of active duty of at least 90 days (unless discharged with a service-related disability)
<b>Discharge</b>	Honorable	Honorable or service-related disability

\* Provisions of program are subject to change pending final regulations